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PATENT

UNUS #Y2-0398-UNI
CASE #F7544(V)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Verrips
Serial No.: 09/880,199
Filed: June 13, 2001
For: Lactobacillus Containing Product

Group: 1761
Examiner: K. Hendricks
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to taking any action in this RCE, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.